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FOREWORD

CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

I wish you all a blessed 50th anniversary and an Africa filled with prosperity and peace within the next 50 years.

The African Union (AU) and its predecessor the Organisation for African Unity (OAU) will reach a historical milestone of celebrating fifty years, on 25 May 2013. The Union will utilize this golden opportunity to reflect on the past and present with the view to shaping a new agenda, to be achieved by 2063. The 50th Anniversary will be commemorated throughout the year under the theme of Pan Africanism and the African Renaissance. The 50th anniversary will take place at the same time as the 21st Ordinary Session of the Summit of the African Union. In this respect, the summit discussion on Pan Africanism will be critical in that it will enable Africa to engage in debates on the Africa wide Agenda 2063 that will chart actions and strategies over the next five decades. All Africans, including those in the Diaspora will be part of this process. Decisions taken will shape the Africa of tomorrow, therefore we must think strategically about where we want to be fifty years from now and how we intend to get there.

Our staff members at the Commission are an important sector towards articulating the road map for Agenda 2063, which should secure a united, prosperous and peaceful Africa. In this magazine, they offer their views, along with embassies of the AU based in Addis Ababa, on the road so far travelled, the present and the future of our beautiful continent.

I wish you all a blessed 50th anniversary and an Africa filled with prosperity and peace within the next 50 years.

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Chairperson of the African Union Commission

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